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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ROKG REACTION TO HOUSE RESOLUTION

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF POLCOUNS' CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT TO EXPRESS ROKG REGRET OVER THE PASSAGE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESTRICTION OF NON-MILITARY AID TO THE ROK. PAK STATED THAT CONCERN WAS HEIGHTENED BY STRONG STATEMENTS MADE BY HOUSE LEADERSHIP AND ALSO BY SPEAKER'S STATEMENT THAT HOUSE NOT BOUND BY THE VIENNA CONVENTION. PAK WONDERED PARENTHETICALLY WHO IN THE U.S. WOULD BE BOUND BY THE CONVENTION IF THE CONGRESS WAS NOT.

2. PAK STATED THAT MOFA IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF MOVE IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO HOLD A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. (COMMENT: IN PART THIS IS DUE TO MOFA'S INTEREST IN HAVING A MEASURED RESPONSE TO THE HOUSE ACTION, BUT WE BELIEVE IN GREATER PART IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT MOFA OFFICIALS OF LATE HAVE BEEN HARD PRESSED AND EMBARRASSED DURING SUCH SESSIONS.)

3. FINALLY, PAK EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SHOULD QUESTION AGAIN COME UP AT NOON BRIEFING JUNE 1 DEPARTMENT
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SPOKESMAN WOULD CONTINUE FIRM LINE TAKEN TO DATE.
POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED MAY 31 AND SPOKESMAN HAD REFERRED QUESTIONER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY'S STATEMENT BEFORE HIRC ON MAY 22.
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